

Data Collection Form

July 2013

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?
if your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes / no) (yes) (no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line
<112> delineating the status of your company's existing \$ 54.202(a) "5 year
plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony
service.

401697ar112.pdf

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years,
your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a
CEIC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only
required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm
that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year
service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be
submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met
in the prior calendar year.

Yes

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) _____
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) _____
Name of Attached Document

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Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report
customer complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior
calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for
any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Offered only fixed voice

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

0.0

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report
customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in
the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated
an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Offered only fixed broadband

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband

1.0

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

401697ar1010.pdf

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

401697ar1030.pdf

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP www.catc.net

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

[Redacted]

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

[Redacted]

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

[Redacted]

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

[Redacted]

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

[Redacted]

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

[Redacted]

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

[Redacted]

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

[Redacted]

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

[Redacted]

items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carrier with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form is attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

Yes - Attach Certification

Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

401697ar3010.pdf

Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 4.313(f)(1)(ii)}

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

401697ar3012.pdf

Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR 54.313(f)(2)}

(Yes/No)

Yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

1) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

2) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

401697ar3017.pdf

If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

1) a copy of their audited financial statement; or

2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

3) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by an independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

1) a copy of their financial statement which has been

subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format

comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

Underlying information subjected to an officer

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends



ral Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

On Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

Participant certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

Participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they have newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond to Line 4003A (new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

On Line 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the participant has newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

Provide a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the date immediately preceding the July 1st filing date on the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Provide evidence demonstrating that the participant is meeting the relevant public service obligations at the identified locations. Materials must detail the pricing, offered broadband service, and usage allowances available in the geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Lifelink Certification, LLC.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Lifelink Certification, LLC.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CENTRAL ARKANSAS TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/21/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Shirley Kinnaird
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Office Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	5018653212 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	401697 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CENTRAL ARKANSAS TEL
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Lifelink Certification, LLC.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/21/2016
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Lifelink Certification, LLC
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	4794955881 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	401697 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
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Attachments



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CONFIRMATION

Congratulations. Your filing has been successfully certified.

Filing 1 was successfully certified on Tue 21 Jun 16 02:51:26 PM EDT by shirley@catc.net .

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498 ID : 143002259

Carrier Name : CENTRAL ARKANSAS TEL

Program Year : 2017

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address on record for your user ID. Please email USAC at HCCERTS@USAC.ORG if you do not receive this email within 24 hours.

Please take this quick survey and give us your thoughts! Your feedback will help improve the filing process. [Take Survey](#)

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Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative

Response to Lines 500-510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”² The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”⁴

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules established by the Arkansas Public Service Commission and detailed in the Telecommunication Provider Rules. Specifically, sections 1.09, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, and 2.0 address the following obligations which include, but are not limited to: 1.09 Service Availability, 1.10 Safe and Adequate Service, 1.11 Construction Standards, 1.12 Facility Identification and Section 2.0, which details consumer billing rules and regulations. Furthermore, Company is subject to cyclical compliance reviews by

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

the Arkansas Public Service Commission Telecommunications Utilities and Quality of Service Section.

In addition, the Company complies with numerous federal consumer protection standards including, but not limited to: (1) Truth-in-Billing Rules outlined in 47 CFR § 64.2401; and (2) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Response to Lines 600-610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)¹ and the Arkansas Public Service Commission Telecommunication Provider Rules. The Company’s network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, the Company is able to function under emergency operations in accordance with Arkansas Service Commission Telecommunication Rules §8 *General Service Standards*, §10 *Maintenance*, and §11 *Quality Standards* which include obligations for continuity of service and emergency operations planning and service provision capability for dominant carriers. Any central office without a permanently installed emergency power system shall be wired to permit connection of a mobile emergency power unit, and there shall be a mobile emergency power unit available for connection on short notice with minimum travel time. Furthermore in section

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to “demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”

11.06.B, each central office shall be equipped with a battery reserve sufficient to sustain operation until emergency power can be connected.

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Response to Lines 1000 - Voice Service Rate Comparability

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies it does not provide voice rates that are above two standard deviations above the national average urban rate as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.313(a)(10). Company determined this by comparing its rates to the National Average Urban Rate, which was recently released by the FCC. The rate of the Company is below the National Average Urban Rate and therefore the 2 standard deviations calculation does not apply.

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Response to Lines 1030 - Broadband Service Rate Comparability

Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies it provides Broadband rates that are no more than the most recent applicable benchmark, as established by the Wireline Competition Bureau. Company determined this by comparing its rates Wireline Competition Bureau, which was recently released by the FCC.

ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

<u>2nd Revised</u>	Sheet No. <u>2-1</u>
Replacing: <u>1st Revised</u>	Sheet No. <u>2-1</u>
<u>Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> Company Name	
Kind of Service <u>Telecommunications</u>	Class of Service: <u>All</u>
Part III. Rate Schedule No. <u>2</u>	
Title: LIFELINE SERVICE	

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(CT)(CR) 2. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2.1.1 GENERAL

- 2.1.1 This tariff is effective on the date the new FCC rules on Lifeline become effective.
- 2.1.2 The Lifeline Assistance Program (hereinafter "Lifeline") is a retail local service offering designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to qualifying low-income customers. Lifeline provides for a federal credit equal to \$9.25.
- 2.1.3 The discounts apply to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers.
- 2.1.4 Discounts are applied to rates and charges for residential telephone service.
- 2.1.5 The Lifeline Program rate reductions do not apply to long distance service, class services, special features, and other ancillary services which may or may not be tariffed. Eligible customers may obtain these services, where available, at their discretion.
- 2.1.6 The Lifeline Program rate reductions do not apply to service connections charges.
- 2.1.7 (Reserved for future use)
- 2.1.8 This ETC will implement all special disconnect procedures required for Lifeline customers.
- 2.1.9 This ETC shall not charge Lifeline customers with a monthly Number-Portability charge.

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2.1 GENERAL (cont)

2.1.10 This ETC shall offer toll blocking to all qualifying applicants at the time such consumers subscribe to Lifeline service. If the consumer elects to receive toll blocking, that service shall become part of that consumer's Lifeline service. The customer is under no obligation to accept the subscription to toll blocking.

2.1.11 This ETC shall not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline service, if the qualifying consumer voluntarily elects toll blocking, where available, otherwise, this ETC may charge a service deposit in the ordinary course of business.

2.2 DESIGNATED LIFELINE PROGRAM SERVICE

2.2.1 General

2.2.1.1 Certain telephone services are specifically part of Lifeline service. Other services are optional. This ETC has a specific Lifeline offering.

2.1.11 This ETC shall offer services or functionalities defined, by F.C.C. 47 CFR Part 54, to be voice telephony service. This service enables consumers to communicate with others that live nearby, while having access to all distance communications.

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2.3 REGULATIONS

- 2.3.1 All the telecommunications provider rules and general tariffs of this company apply to lifeline service unless specifically in conflict with this Section and schedule
- 2.3.2 Lifeline Service is available only with residence services, excluding foreign exchange service.
- 2.3.3 Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence. "Household" is defined consistent with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program as "any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit," with an "Economic Unit" defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline support to individuals living in group living facilities must demonstrate when initially enrolling in the program that any other lifeline recipients residing at their residential address are part of a separate household.

2.4 QUALIFICATIONS

2.4.1 General

- 2.4.1.1 To qualify for lifeline service, applicants must be participants in certain governmental programs or qualify through a low income threshold.

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2.4 QUALIFICATIONS (cont)

2.4.2 Qualification through Governmental Program Participation

2.4.2.1 To qualify for lifeline service through governmental program participation applicants must participate in at least one (1) of the following governmental programs:

1. Department of Housing and Urban Development
2. Medicaid
3. Food Stamps
4. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
5. Federal Public Housing Assistance Program
6. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
8. National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program

2.4.3 Qualification through low income eligibility

2.4.3.1 To qualify through low income eligibility, the applicant's income as defined in Sec. 54.400(f) must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2.5 CERTIFICATION

2.5.1 General

2.5.1.1 Applicants for lifeline must meet the eligibility guidelines. A certification process shall be used to ensure only eligible applicants receive lifeline service. Each applicant must certify that they are receiving support for only one line per household.